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DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal:

This proposal seeks Commission approval of:

- 1) A long-term park boundary for the Klickitat Trail. The long-term boundary of the park represents areas which the agency deems desirable for management, consistent with each park's mission.
- 1) Specific land classifications for the properties within the long-term boundary for the Klickitat Trail. The purpose of Land Classification is to provide general policy guidance for staff on appropriate management and use of land holdings in the state parks for recreational activities and developments in areas of a park. The land classification system was revised in October 1995, and is codified under WAC 352-16.
- 2) Adopt Klickitat Canyon Trail as the name of the trail.
- 3) Adopt Klickitat Canyon Trail State Park as the name of the segment of trail managed by State Parks.

Land Classification:

Within the long-term boundary, staff has developed recommendations for land classification of the trail and trailhead areas. Land classification is like internal zoning for the parks and provides internal guidance on appropriate uses and developments within each classification. Land classification is regulated by WAC 352-16-020. Although all classifications were considered for the trail, the land classifications proposed include:

- (1) **Recreational areas** are suited and/or developed for high-intensity outdoor recreational use, conference, cultural and/or educational centers, or other uses serving large numbers of people.
- (2) **Resource recreation** areas are suited and/or developed for natural and/or cultural resource-based medium-intensity and low-intensity outdoor recreation use.

Maps showing the application of these classifications to the Klickitat Trail according to the staff recommended land classifications, including a depiction of the long-term boundary, are available by email or hard copy upon request, or can be found at:
<http://www.parks.wa.gov/plans/klickitattrail/>.

The proposal classifies State Parks' land, and certain adjacent private and public holdings within each park and/or park area as potential additions to the State Parks' system. Also, the proposal identifies State Park's land that may be appropriate for surplus. Use limitations imposed by specific classifications are discussed further in this document. (**Important note:** Proposed land classifications are for State Parks policy direction only and should not be used as a basis for local government decisions on private land holdings within the proposed long-term boundary of the Klickitat Trail.) Within the proposed long-term boundary, there are properties that the parks may be interested in co-managing or acquiring. All options will be subject to future decisions by the Commission and further SEPA analysis.

The review of this proposal will be phased. "Phased review" means the coverage of general matters in broader environmental documents, with subsequent narrower documents concentrating solely on issues specific to the later analysis (WAC 197-11-776). Phased review will allow State Parks to focus on decisions regarding the proposed land classification designations and long-term boundary. This is the first phase of environmental analysis for long range planning at the Klickitat Trail. Subsequent phases will include environmental analysis for specific project actions at such time developments or other actions are proposed.

This is a SEPA non-project action to be considered by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 6, 2008 meeting in Long Beach, Washington.

Proponent: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

Klickitat Trail is managed by Columbia Hills State Park, located at milepost 85 on State Route 14, Washington. The mailing address for the park is:

Columbia Hills State Park
P.O. Box 426
Dallesport, WA 98617
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The Klickitat Trail corridor has the following legal description: Washington State, Klickitat County, T.3N, R.12E, Sections 24, 25, 26 and Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19; T.4N, R.13E, Sections 13, 14, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 32; T.4N, R.14E, Sections 19, 20, 21, 28, 33; T.3N, R.14E, Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25 W.M. (see Figure 1).

Lead agency: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS)

is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☒ There is no comment period for this DNS

Although there is no comment period required for the proposed action, all comments are welcomed and will be considered. Please address your comments to Bruce Beyerl, Environmental Planner, at 2201 North Duncan Drive, Wenatchee, WA 98801-1007, or to Bruce.Beyerl@parks.wa.gov by January 25, 2008. You may also provide testimony at the March 6, 2008 regularly scheduled Commission meeting in Long Beach, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

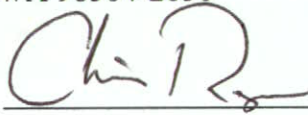
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Signature



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There is no agency SEPA appeal; however all comments are welcome and will be thoroughly considered.